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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **December 23, 2003**. In the present Office Action, the Examiner has stated that claims 16, 17, and 19-23 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims". The applicant has amended the claims to reflect the Examiner's remarks.

Specifically, the amended claim set comprising 23 claims, is summarized as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate allowable claim 22.

Claims 2-3, dependent on allowable claim 1, are unchanged.

Claims 4-7 have been previously cancelled.

Claims 8 and 10-21, dependent on allowable claim 1, are unchanged.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite that the removable plate is attachable to the back wall of the receptacle. Support for the amendment is found at least in claim 7.

Claim 22 is cancelled.

Allowable claim 23 has been amended to be dependent on claim 1.

Claims 24-27, the subject of a restriction, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims at a later date in a related application.

New claim 28, representing the incorporation of claims 14, 15, and allowable claim 16 into claim 1, has been added.

New claim 29, corresponding to allowable claim 17, and dependent on new claim 28, has been added.

New claim 30, representing the incorporation of claim 18 and allowable claim 19 into claim 1, has been added.

New claim 31, corresponding to allowable claim 20, and dependent on new claim 30, has been added.

New claim 32, corresponding to allowable claim 21, and dependent on new claim 31, has been added.

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The applicant further submits that since no new matter has been added, the claims are proper and should be entered and allowed.

35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The term "removable plate" was said to lack antecedent basis. The claim has been amended, thereby mooting the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. 5,899,358. Claims 10-13 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. 5,899,358 and further in view of U.S. 4,063,633.

As noted, the applicant has amended claim 1 by incorporating allowable claim 22. Accordingly, the applicant submits that the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 of claims 1-3, 8, 9, 10-13, 14, 15, and 18, are moot and no longer apply. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or further comments, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (952) 563-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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